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Ministers. A minister can make independent decisions on intra-organizational problems which involve fulfillment of Government assignments. The main areas in which a minister can act independently without coordinating with the Government are the following:

1. Transfer of personnel within all organizations of the Ministry, with the exception of persons connected with the Central Committee.
2. Incentives, rewards, reprimands on all officials of the Ministry. The Minister cannot impose reprimands on his deputies or on the head of the Ministry's Political Directorate without authorization from above.
3. Confirmation of personal titles to middle and senior executive personnel. The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet assigns personal titles to higher executive personnel.
4. Removal of the basic means of production (vessels, machinery, equipment, etc) from the balance sheet of the Ministry's organization and enterprises for unsatisfactory technical condition.
5. Transfer of the basic means of production from the books of one organization to those of another within the Ministry.

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6. Expansion and reconstruction of enterprises where no capital expenditures are involved.
7. Confirmation of annual and quarterly production assignments for the various organizations and enterprises of the Ministry (shipping companies, ports, plants, dockyards, way directorates,) within the limits of the general state assignments.
8. Current redistribution of production tasks (plans) between various organizations and enterprises to insure fulfillment and over-fulfillment of the over-all Government assignment for the Ministry both on quantitative and qualitative indices.
9. Assignment of additional tasks to organizations and enterprises to ensure over-fulfill the Government assignment for the Ministry.
10. Financing of the activity of organizations and enterprises within the limits of State-approved appropriations.
11. Current redistribution of funds among the Ministry's organizations and enterprises within the limits of State-approved appropriations. In case of current necessity the Minister can increase the funds of one organization or enterprise for some expenditure category by taking the required funds from the same category of some other organization.
12. Confirmation of the labor plan for organizations and enterprises in line with the overall labor plan confirmed by the Government.
13. Current redistribution of the labor plan in individual organizations and enterprises of the Ministry in line with the over-all labor plan for the Ministry which was confirmed by the Government. For example, the Minister can increase the number of operational personnel (in the labor plan "maintenance of marine shipping companies") of the "Kasptanker" Shipping Company by decreasing the number of operational personnel in one or more other shipping companies. Redistribution of personnel slots can only be made within the limits of the corresponding manpower plan, i.e. within the same personnel categories. For example, it would be illegal to increase the number of operational personnel at the expense of decreasing the number of sea-going personnel, because maintenance of manpower levels for these two categories is arranged for in different sections of the manpower plan.
14. Confirmation of operational and production plans of organizations and enterprises of the Ministry and determination of salaries and wages for personnel in line with salary and wage schedules confirmed by the Government. The Minister can not on his own authority increase salary schedules which are already in effect, but can on his own authority confirm administrative and management personnel.
15. Confirmation of salaries for officials of the Ministries and field organizations within the limits of Government-approved appropriations.
16. Establishment of groups and categories of vessels, organizations and enterprises of the Ministry.
17. Confirmation of statutes and by-laws of organizations and enterprises within the Ministry.
18. Construction of buildings where capital expenditures are not involved (funds assigned to organization and enterprise managers; exploitation expenditures).
19. Authorization to managers of enterprises and organizations to carry out production work and financial operations.
20. Distribution of materials, equipment, tools, fuel, lubrication and rags in line with funds and appropriations approved by the Government.
21. Confirmation of various statutes and instructions of an operational-production and financial nature.
22. In his activity, the Minister is guided by existing laws, decrees and directives of the Government as well as by the charter of the Ministry.

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